

# LOST HIS WINNINGS.

"Pittsburg Phil." Says It Stopped Him From Hedging.

(Washington Star.)

George E. Smith ("Pittsburg Phil"), the famous race track plunger, is an extremely quiet, self-contained man, and he almost never speaks, even in conversation with his intimates, of his experiences in connection with the horse business. Recently, however, on the ride from Hot Springs, Ark., to New York, he met an old friend, a well known Washington sportsman who is called "Buck" by his friends, and Pittsburg Phil told a little story. "Your nickname 'Buck,'" he said to the Washington man, "makes me think, every time I meet you or any other friend bearing that name, of the worst racing I ever administered myself on a race track."

"It happened at the Ingleside track in California a few years ago. I spent the winter racing season out there, and

made a pretty bad season of it, despite the extraordinary and foolish reports as to my vast winnings. Up to the time that the thing happened that I'm going to tell you about I had picked, and heavily played, no less than twenty-two losers—straight losers—although the ingenious young turf reporters for the San Francisco papers had it that I had slaughtered the ring on almost every one of those bad things.

"Now, I make a business of looking the horses over myself during their work, and early one morning I snapped my watch on old Buckwa—who, I believe, still holds the champion four-mile record—as he covered a mile and a half on the bit in something like 2:40. The old nag was just then going into training after a long let-up, and his performance astounded me. He

was high in flesh, and looked far from a horse in racing trim, but the way he got over the ground during the progress of that gallop, with a heavy stable boy on his back, astonished me, and I made up my mind to put a whopping commission on him the first time he started. The old horse was being kept pretty well under cover by his owner, and I knew that there'd be a big price against his chances the first time he went to the post.

"Buckwa wasn't carded to go to the post until about three weeks later, and I had been getting on the wrong ones right along. Buckwa was down to go in a mile-and-a-quarter race with a lot of the California crackjacks. The other horses were so good, and Buckwa still looked so high in flesh and generally rank, that the books laid as high as 40 to 1 against his chances. It got some money down at that figure, and some more, when they cut the price a trifle, at 30 to 1, so that by the time the horses were being saddled to go to the post I stood to draw down something like \$50,000 in case old Buckwa should win. I'd had a talk with Buckwa's owner, an old friend of mine, and he thought that his horse had as good a chance as any of the others, despite his apparent lack of condition.

"I sat in the grand stand with a friend, a heavy operator, to watch the

race. As the horses came out of the paddock gate onto the track old Buckwa, who led the procession, took fright over a piece of paper that blew across the track and started to run. He had runaway habits, and as I looked at him in the act of taking the bit between his teeth and galloping up the stretch at racing speed I felt that the money I had bet on him was burnt up.

"That'll be about all of Buckwa for me," said I to the man beside me. "He's going to keep right on running till he jumps the fence."

"Oh, no, I guess not—the boy'll be able to take him up," he replied, confidently.

"Well, said I, 'I'm on the plug at 40 and 30 to 1, and if you're so confident the boy'll get him, you can have \$1,000 worth of mine at 50 to 1.'

"You're on, said he, and half a minute later I was glad that I had hedged out that way, for old Buckwa kept right on going, and the boy had no chance whatever of holding in the hard-headed brute. It was my friend's turn to be chastened that he had taken the bet when the old horse raced around the track three times, just three miles, before he was corralled.

"That's an easy thousand for you to get back," he said to me as the horses, the tired Buckwa trailing behind, the field, went to the post.

"Buckwa won't finish now within a quarter of a mile of the leaders."

"When they got to the post, however, it was easy to see that the boy on Buckwa was purposely delaying the start in order to give the old horse under him a chance to rest and cool out. That's exactly what he did, and he was fined \$200 for it by the starter; but the boy figured that Buckwa would have a chance, runaway or no runaway, and he kept the field at the post for thirty-five minutes before he made up his mind that Buckwa had sufficiently recovered himself to make any kind of a showing in the race.

"Then they got away to a swaggar start. You can imagine how I felt when I saw old Buckwa shoot right out from the first jump and assume a commanding lead. He didn't seem to be suffering in the slightest degree from that wild preliminary racing gallop of three miles, and the farther he went the greater the lead he gained on his field. He swept under the wire six lengths in advance of the bunch—and there was my \$80,000 winning knocked into a cocked hat by the \$1,000 at 50 to 1, that I had laid off when the old brute started to run away. I have never hedged a bet once made since that day, and I never will execute another hedge on a race track as long as I'm playing them."

## A JOINT DEBATE.

In Which One Speaker Never Had a Chance to Speak.

(Washington Star.)

"I saw by the papers the other day that a new and bloody feud had broken out in the mountains of Kentucky," said a man from that state. "No one can fully appreciate these feuds unless he has lived in the counties where the trouble is located. There are many quaint characters in the mountain portion of the state. Of course, there are not many people in Washington who remember 'Parson' Hopkins, who was given a seat in congress a number of years ago over Joe Kendall, whose father had been in congress before the son attempted to come here. 'Parson' Hopkins was a Baptist minister in the tenth district and was much loved by his people. The Republicans knew that he would be the only person who could win in a contest for the place, and so they nominated him. It was many days before the chairman of the district Republican organization could find where the parson was. At last he was located away up in the mountain county conducting a camp meeting. He refused to discuss politics until he concluded his meeting, three days later. Many Democrats who had never cast a Republican vote put in ballots for 'Parson' Hopkins, and became insulted if they were told they had voted Republican. 'We are voting Baptist,' was the way they put it. 'Joe Kendall had tried every way possible to get 'Parson' Hopkins into a joint

debate, but the parson would not consent. One day the parson went into a town where Kendall was to hold a meeting and unexpectedly ran into Kendall. The latter promptly challenged the parson to joint debate, and Mr. Hopkins reluctantly consented. His terms, however, were that he should have the opening. The Democrats were rejoiced, and declared that Kendall would win. 'Parson' Hopkins opened the meeting with prayer, then read a long sermon from the Bible. Finally he entered upon his speech. When dark came he was still speaking, by which time nearly all the men had gone to their homes to look after their cattle, horses, etc., and no arrangement had been made for lighting the meeting place. Kendall never did get a chance to respond to the opening. The joke was on Kendall."

## An Engineer's Fast Run.

An engineer on one of the roads entering here, in speaking last night of fast runs said: "Although my machine is not slow, once let a cold get six hours the start of me and my machinery is no match for it. I have for years kept a bottle of Kemp's Balsam constantly in my cab, and when a cough or cold gets a start of this standard remedy it is indeed a 'cold day.' Price, 25c and 50c. For sale by Godbe-Pitts Drug company."

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Boys' extra fine quality satin calf Shoe, extension sole, guaranteed to wear, \$2.00 value, sizes 2½ to 6—

\$1.68

### LADIES' LOW SHOES.

For \$1.39,

Ladies' Oxfords, heavy extension sole, perforated vamp, \$1.75 value, all sizes—

\$1.39

For \$1.48,

Ladies' all kid, cloth top and patent leather Oxfords, \$2.00 styles, all sizes—

\$1.48

For \$1.98,

Ladies' fine quality kid Oxfords, vesting top, and all kid, worth \$2.50, sizes 2½ to 7—

\$1.99

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\$2.48

### LADIES' SHOES.

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Ladies' kid Shoes, lace or button, all sizes, splendid value—

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## Jackets.

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Seventy-five ladies' and misses' Eton Jackets and short hip Jackets, in tan, castor, blue and red, sizes 14, 16 and 18, and 32 to 38-in. bust; this coming week for—

\$2.37.

## Suits.

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One hundred styles in Cheviot, Hopsacking, Venetian and Homespun, Eton and Vestee Suits, grays, castors, reds and blues, that were marked down to \$15.50 and \$12.65 from up to \$22.50; this coming week for—

\$10.37.

## Skirts.

Still Further Reduced.

Sixty-five Black Cheviot Dress Skirts, flounce effect, trimmed all round with satin band, percale line lined, that were marked down to \$2.25 from \$3.75; this coming week for—

\$1.97.

## Raglans.

Still Further Reduced.

Black, navy and silver gray fine Mohair Raglans, semi-fitting and loose back, some with triple capes, that were marked down to \$6.75 from \$10.00 and \$12.75; this coming week for—

\$5.97.

## Kimonas.

Still Further Reduced.

Ten dozen "Summer Comforts," in fine lawn kimonas, blue and white only left, with dotted border on cuffs and all around. They were marked down from \$8c to 55c; this coming week for—

47c.

## Silk Petticoats.

Still Further Reduced.

Our finer Skirts sold last week with a rush. We have got forty fine tafetas left that were marked down from \$7.50 and \$8.50 to \$5.00; this coming week for—

\$4.59.